

**City of Minneapolis  
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**

June 9, 2011  
Minutes

Patrick Rowan opened the meeting at 1:02 pm in room 333 City Hall.  
Committee has quorum with 14 of its 22 members present.

**Present**

James Adams, Frank Broderick, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Elana Gravitz, Jean Greener, Jeanne Hanson, Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Thomas Leavey, Joanna Lees, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Roland Minda, Dorothy Robinson, Patrick Rowan

**MDHFS Staff**

Seble Bekele, Ruth Kildow, Becky McIntosh, Kim Stringfellow

**NCR Staff**

Ahmed Muhumud, Manager Access and Outreach

**Guests**

Dave Johnson, MDHFS – Census 2010 Data  
Jeff Schneider, CPED

**Absent**

Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

**Excused Absence**

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Allen Brookins-Brown, Rita Deyo, Terry Diebold, Marilyn Holm, Herb Nelson, Ray Olson

**Minutes and Agenda**

Motion to approve the May 12, 2011 minutes and June 9, 2011 agenda were both unanimously approved. With no discussion, and all approved, the motion carries.

**Census 2010 Data, Dave Johnson, MDHFS and Jeff Schneider, CPED**

Census 2010 data is processed in pieces and is released as it becomes available. This second round of available data has provided information by age. The City of Minneapolis had a very high participation rate. Data shows that Minnesota grew by 10% compared to Census 2000 data, and Minneapolis increased by 3%. The 55-64 age groups have shown an increase in population in Minneapolis, while the age group 75 and older has decreased. This could be due to shadow migration, or new housing developments outside of Minneapolis. Committee commented that if City Council is concerned about keeping its population they should consider how people are served as they age and have appropriate services available to each stage in life. The City is lacking affordable housing for people with limited incomes. See handout for more information.

**Action:** *Dave Johnson will forward the data to Ruth Kildow who will in turn forward to the committee.*

**Old/New Business**

1. Choosing Home Care/Hospice Providers: How Do You Decide? – Becky McIntosh, MDHFS  
Becky has been working on the booklet with Joanna Lees, Jean Greener and Lisa Abicht-Swensen. This is still in progress and they hope to complete it soon.

**Committee Reports**

Health – Lisa Abicht-Swensen

Lisa was not available and will report to the committee at the July meeting. Elana Gravitz provided a handout on Key Health Indicators from SHAPE 2010 Adult Survey for Minneapolis baby boomers and seniors, a ranking which is done every four years. Because of decreased funding this 2010 survey, which was previously conducted by phone, was done by mail. Some of the rankings are more favorable than others. A favorable example is that seniors are getting better medical care than baby boomers, which may be due to the fact they are on Medicare. Some concerns are nutrition, increase in obesity, lack of physical activity and fear of going out at night due to violence. These may show a negative health result which in the long run will be a burden on Medicare. The solution is to lobby so action can be taken now to address these issues.

#### Legislative – Jean Greener

- Policy matters passed by the state include vulnerable adults abuse; elevator code compliance in senior facilities; charitable organization reporting change; nursing home moratorium. National unemployment is 9%, with Minnesota at 7.8% and Minneapolis at 6.3%.
- Disability permit/sticker. Now the individual named on the permit/sticker must be in the car or get an increased fine of \$700.
- Voter registration will require a valid picture identification, which will impact seniors who do not drive and wish to keep a driver's license, especially those who have limited mobility, are homebound or in nursing homes.
- Minnesota has more mandatory reporting laws than other states with regard to elder abuse.

#### Senior Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

- Ruth has visited the block nurse programs that receive CDBG funding. MVNA can be a nursing service if that is what the program chooses. MVNA services are not limited to Minneapolis only.

#### **Announcements**

- The Minneapolis Public Housing has cut security in its buildings with the beginning of the fiscal year - \$4.2M. Residents are very concerned and have started a petition.  
**Action:** *At the July meeting come up with an agenda for the Mayor on security and safety priorities.*
- Representative Jeff Hayden will be at the Sabathani Auditorium on June 21 at 10:30 am to do a wrap-up of the end of legislation session.
- *Drops of Good* is a \$50K renovation grant by Maxwell House. To vote go to [www.maxwellhouse.com](http://www.maxwellhouse.com). Ends June 17.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.

#### **Next Meeting**

July 14, 2011, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall.

Minutes submitted by Kim Stringfellow.